

QUESTION FOR ANSWER ON THE DAY.

(But not taken up).

Upset price for Darkhast Lands.

Q.—171. Sri H. K. SIDDAIYA
(Belur—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that according to recent Government Order an upset price of Rs. 50 per acre has been fixed in the case of lands disposed of by darkhast;

(b) the extent of land granted throughout the State since the above order came into effect;

(c) the income derived by Government from this;

(d) whether this subject did not come up for discussion at the last budget session;

(e) whether they had not given an assurance that the matter would be examined shortly and the said order would be cancelled;

(f) the steps they have taken on the same?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA
(Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes.

(e) and (f) Government have asked the Revenue Commissioner to issue suitable instructions so that the lands are properly valued before grant.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

MISAPPROPRIATION OF MONEY IN THE STATE HUZUR TREASURY.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Sri J. Mohamed Imam has sent the following adjournment motion:

“That the business of this House do stand adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance and of recent occurrence, namely the misappropriation to the extent of Rupees one lakh and twenty thousand from the State Huzur Treasury.”

Sri Imam, have you anything to say?

*Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—Sir, it is a definite matter. It is urgent and of recent occurrence which has happened quite recently. The amount involved is enormous. In these days of depression, it is considerable if not enormous. There is another thing that is involved here. I need not go into the merits of the question. This House should know how this amount was embezzled and under what circumstances, and whether the officers did their duty properly. It is a well-known fact that such embezzlements have been increasing of late. I think my motion satisfies all the conditions laid down for an adjournment of the House. It is definite; it is of urgent public importance and it is of recent occurrence. As such, I think I am entitled to ask for an adjournment of the House to discuss this matter.

*Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister and Leader of the House).—Sir, this same motion was made by an Hon'ble Member in the other House yesterday. Sir, I explained to that House and I do the same to this House as well that some such thing has taken place. It occurred in the process of transfer from the State Huzur Treasury to the Bank of Mysore. One officer who is called the Treasurer took leave on the 4th instant for four days or so and then he has not returned to duty. He has neither applied for extension of leave nor sent any other communication. The exact amount that is likely to be shown as missing is not yet definite. That amount, I am in a position to say, is neither enormous as my Hon'ble friend said nor is it going to be considerable.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—It is a relative term; for a poor person Rs. 100 will be enormous; for Sri K. Hanumanthaiya, Rs. 1,000 will be very insignificant.